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Federal Election Commission  
999 E Street, NW  
Washington, DC 20463

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RE: Mid-Year Report 01/01/01 - 06/30/01

Dear Ms. Simpson,

I want to bring to the attention of the Federal Election Commission that our campaign committee (Friends of John Boehner) will not be able to electronically submit our reports by the deadline of 07/31/01. Our campaign office suffered from a flash flood earlier this month. Our computer systems were destroyed by water damage. We lost several of our computers as well as our server which was where all of our campaign data was stored.

The governor of Ohio has declared our county (Butler) a disaster area. I have attached a couple of articles for your review in hope that they may shed some light onto the situation.

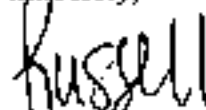
We are in the process of replacing our computers and working to re-build our systems and re-covering our data as quickly as possible.

As soon as we are able to have our systems up and running and have been able to verify our data, we will submit our report electronically as soon as possible.

I hope the commission understands the situation we are in.

If you would have any questions concerning this matter please don't hesitate to contact me at one of the numbers below.

Sincerely,



Russell E. Roberts, Treasurer